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PORTO RICO.

Reports from San Juan and subports.

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 8, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the quarantine transactions of the service at this and the 6 subports of the island of Porto Rico for the month of February, 1902:

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected, 19; number of bills of health issued, 30; number of vessels held in quarantine, 3; number of persons detained in quarantine at the quarantine station, none; number of persons vaccinated, none; number of vessels disinfected, none; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 83; number of sacks of mail disinfected, 2.

On the 1st instant the French steamship *Alexandre Bixio*, from Colon and South American ports, entered, and was placed in quarantine under guard. She brought no passengers or freight for Porto Rico, and was permitted to take on cargo for European ports while in quarantine. The vessel sailed on the following day, the 2d instant.

On the 18th instant the French steamship *Saint Simon*, from St. Marc, Gonaives, Petit Goave, Port au Prince, Cape Haitien, Puerto Plata, and Sanchez, and the Spanish steamship *Montevideo*, from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Barranquilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra, via Ponce, arrived. Both steamships were placed in quarantine under guard. Bills of health carried by both steamships were clean, and as the passengers for Porto Rico from each steamship were considered immune they were permitted to land. Forty-three pieces of baggage, with 1 sack of mail, from the French steamship, and 7 pieces of baggage from the Spanish steamship, were removed to the island and subjected to disinfection by formalin.

The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Cuban and Dominican ports, entered upon the 19th instant on her regular schedule. She had, as usual, undergone disinfection at Santiago de Cuba. This steamship was given free pratique, 30 pieces of baggage being removed to the island and disinfected.

The provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera* arrived upon the 28th instant from Cuban and Dominican ports. She had been disinfected at Santiago de Cuba, as usual, and was given free pratique. Three pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail were removed to the island and disinfected. All passengers for Porto Rico were permitted to land.

I inclose herein the vital statistics of San Juan.

The following embraces summary of the reports received from the several subports as to vessels inspected in February, 1902: Mayaguez, 11; Arecibo, 3; Humacao, 5; Aguadilla, 1; Arroyo, 2; Fajardo, 3.

The following is a report of the mortality at the subports: Mayaguez, 73; Arecibo, 75; Humacao, 44; Aguadilla, 28; Arroyo, 11; Fajardo, 27.

Respectfully,

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Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for the month of February, 1902.

Anæmia.....	1	Leukaemia.....	1
Aortic insufficiency.....	3	Malaria.....	2
Asistolia.....	1	Myelitis.....	2
Athrepsia.....	7	Mitral insufficiency.....	1
Bronchitis.....	1	Nephritis.....	3
Broncho-pneumonia.....	2	Paralysis.....	1
Cachexiæ.....	1	Pericarditis.....	1
Cancer of stomach.....	1	Pernicious fever.....	1
Cardiac lesion.....	1	Pulmonary emphysema.....	1
Cerebral congestion.....	1	Pulmonary tuberculosis.....	13
Cholera infantum.....	1	Puerperal septicæmia.....	1
Cirrhosis of the liver.....	1	Rhachitis.....	2
Diphtheria.....	1	Serous congestion.....	1
Endo-carditis.....	3	Scrofulous affections.....	2
Eclampsia.....	1		
Enteritis.....	4	Total.....	78
Entero-colitis.....	6		
Epilepsy.....	1	February, 1901—	
Gastro-enteritis.....	5	Births.....	52
Glanders.....	1	Deaths.....	53
Internal hemorrhage.....	1	February, 1902—	
Intestinal intussusception.....	1	Births.....	91
Intestinal tuberculosis.....	1	Deaths.....	78

*Smallpox in San Juan.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *March 7, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the four weeks ended March 1, 1902, 14 cases of varioloid, with no deaths, are reported as occurring in the city of San Juan. In Ponce and Utuado a suspicious eruptive disease made its appearance during the month of February, but this has been officially diagnosed as chicken pox.

Respectfully,

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*Reports from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *March 10, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for this city for the week ended March 8, 1902, also the summary of transactions of this station, and mortality report of the city for the month of February, 1902. Four vessels were inspected and passed and 5 bills of health were issued during the week. Nothing of interest in sanitary or quarantine lines has occurred.

Respectfully,

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